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Honorable Joseph C. Spero
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Re: Kevin Joyce v. Midwestern Wholesalers
 Federal Court Case No. C 07-5404 JCS
 Request to appear telephonically at the Initial Case Management Conference

Dear Judge Spero:

I respectfully request permission to appear telephonically at the initial Case Management Conference scheduled for February 8, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the above-referenced case. I live and work in Bakersfield, California. Thus, I request permission to appear by telephone to avoid my client or I incurring approximately nine hours and \$2,250 traveling to San Francisco and back.

The parties held their Rule 26(f) conference on January 16, and I will be prepared to discuss the items to be covered at the CMC.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If allowed to appear by telephone, I will be available at (661) 912-3954 (cellular) and (661) 328-5395 (direct dial).

Sincerely,

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